

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP – AREA B

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 12, 2011

The Regional Water Planning Group – Area B met together on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Red River Authority of Texas, 3000 Hammon Road, Wichita Falls, Texas, with the following members and guests present:

RWPG Members:

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman, Red River Authority of Texas,
Wichita Falls
Mr. Wilson Scaling, Vice Chairman, Henrietta
Mr. Dean Myers, Secretary, Bowie Industries, Inc., Bowie
Ms. Tamela Armstrong, Alliance Power Company, Wichita Falls
Mr. Jimmy Banks, Wichita County Water Improvement District # 2,
Wichita Falls
Judge Charlie Bell, Foard County, Crowell
J. K. (Rooter) Brite, Agribusiness, Bowie
Mr. Jack Campsey, Gateway Groundwater Conservation District,
Quanah
Mr. Ed Garnett, Vernon
Mr. Dale Hughes, W.T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
Mr. Monte McMahon, AEP Oklahoma Power Plant, Vernon
Mr. Russell Schreiber, City of Wichita Falls
Dr. Pamela Stephens, Ph.D., Midwestern State University, Wichita
Falls

Advisory:

Mr. Mark Howell, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Wichita Falls
Ms. Virginia Sabia, Texas Water Development Board, Austin.

Registered Guest:

Mr. Mick Baldys, United States Geological Survey, Ft. Worth
Mr. C. C. (Buster) Chandler, United States Department of
Agriculture, Decatur
Ms. Jennifer Foster, Senator Duncan's Office, Childress
Ms. Stacey Green, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
Mr. Glen Hite, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
Mr. Kerry Maroney, Biggs and Matthews, Inc., Wichita Falls
Mr. Tracy Mesler, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District,
Nocona
Mr. Kyle Miller, Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2,
Wichita Falls
Mr. Bob Patterson, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation
District, Springtown
Ms. Danna K. Prichard, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
Mr. J. Todd Thomas, W.T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
Mr. Henry C. Wied, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls

Item One: Public Meeting Call to Order, Introductions, and Roll Call

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman of the Regional Water Planning Group - Area B, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Judge Charlie Bell gave the invocation. Following roll call, Mr. Campbell noted the following absences: Mr. Tom Stephens, Mr. Robert Kincaid, Judge Kenneth Liggett and his alternate Judge Gary W. Beesinger, Mr. Mike McGuire, Mr. Jerry Payne, and Mr. Jeff Watts. Introductions followed.

Item Two: Election of Officers for Regional Water Planning Group – Area B Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Bylaws and Consider Various Appointments to Committees

Mr. Campbell proceeded to the election of officers, as instructed in the Bylaws, to be held during the first meeting of each calendar year. He initiated nominations for the following positions:

Currently Serving: Chairman ~ Curtis W. Campbell
Vice Chairman ~ Wilson Scaling
Secretary ~ Dean Myers

Mr. Jimmy Banks offered a motion to retain Mr. Curtis Campbell as the current Chairman and Judge Charlie Bell seconded the motion. There were no additional comments and the motion passed with a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Mr. Campbell called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman and Mr. Ed Garnett motioned to reappoint Mr. Scaling as Vice Chairman by acclamation. Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

The election moved to the position of Secretary, and Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite motioned to nominate Mr. Dean Myers to continue serving as Secretary and Mr. Ed Garnett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Mr. Campbell explained that the Executive Committee consists of the officers and two members-at-large. He informed the group that Mr. Jimmy Banks and Judge Kenneth Liggett were currently serving in the at-large positions.

Currently Serving: Chairman ~ Curtis W. Campbell
Vice Chairman ~ Wilson Scaling
Secretary ~ Dean Myers
At-large ~ Jimmy Banks
At-large ~ Kenneth Liggett

Mr. Campbell asked if there were any nominations for the committee and Mr. Ed Garnett made a motion to reelect the Executive Committee by acclamation. Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite seconded the motion, the motion passed with a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Two: Election of Officers for Regional Water Planning Group - Area B, Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Bylaws and Consider Various Appointments to Committees (continued)

The meeting proceeded to the election for the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Campbell listed the members who are currently serving and stated he would like to have one more nomination to serve on this committee.

Currently Serving: Chairman ~ Curtis W. Campbell
Vice Chairman ~ Wilson Scaling
At Large ~ J. K. (Rooter) Brite
At Large ~ Mike McGuire
At Large ~ Russell Schreiber

Mr. Jack Campsey acceded to serve on the committee after receiving a brief overview of the duties from Mr. Campbell. Mr. Wilson Scaling made a motion to reelect the current members and accept Mr. Campsey's position on the committee. Mr. Dean Myers seconded the motion. Without further discussion the motion passed by a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Mr. Campbell concluded the discussion on elections by listing the current members serving as Regional Liaisons and noted that Mr. Robert Kincaid would no longer be able to serve as Liaison to Region A.

Currently Serving: Region A ~ Robert Kincaid
Region C ~ Curtis Campbell
Region D ~ Curtis Campbell
Region G ~ Mike McGuire
Region O ~ Mike McGuire

Mr. Campbell stated that the Regional Liaisons are appointed by the Chairman and inquired if any of the members would like to volunteer to serve on this committee. With no response to the inquiry, Mr. Campbell reappointed the members that are currently serving and appointed the Red River Authority of Texas to act as Liaison to Region A, until the position can be filled at a later date. With no further comments the meeting proceeded to Item Three on the Agenda.

Item Three: Review and Approval of Minutes of the August 25, 2010 Meeting

After review of the minutes, Mr. Ed Garnett made a motion to approve them as written. His motion was seconded by Mr. Jack Campsey. With no discussion or corrections, the motion carried by a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Four: Discussion and Approval of the Request for Qualifications Process for the Selection of a Qualified Consultant, Contingent upon Funding of the Fourth Round of Water Planning

Mr. Campbell presented a Draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which is required to be published to advertise for qualified professional consultants interested in contracting with the Red River

Item Four: Discussion and Approval of the Request for Qualifications Process for the Selection of a Qualified Consultant, Contingent upon Funding of the Fourth Round of Water Planning (continued)

Authority of Texas, on behalf of the Regional Water Planning Group - Area B (RWPG-B), and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the fourth round of planning. Mr. Campbell stated this process was conducted in 1998 resulting in the selection of the consulting firm Biggs and Mathews, Inc., and their subcontractors Freese and Nichols, Inc. and Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. Ms. Virginia Sabia interjected that the TWDB was requesting this process be repeated prior to the start of the fourth round of planning as a result of an internal audit conducted at the TWDB. She added that information on the preparation of the Scope of Work would be forthcoming as funding has yet to be finalized through the Legislature.

Following general discussion between the members concerning dates, a timeline for the RFQ process was established:

Advertise the RFQ	February 1, 2011
RFQ replies due by	March 7, 2011
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting	March 10, 2011
RWPG-B Public Meeting	March 24, 2011

With no further questions or comments concerning the RFQ, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to endorse the RFQ process as discussed. Judge Charlie Bell motioned to approve the process, and Mr. Jimmy Banks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Five: Update from the Texas Water Development Board Project Manager

Mr. Campbell asked Ms. Virginia Sabia to update the group on current events within the TWDB. Ms. Sabia informed the members that all sixteen Regional Water Plans have been approved and the TWDB is in the process of creating a summary of the plans. The TWDB will then meet on January 20, 2011 to approve the Summary, which will then be submitted to the Legislature for review during their next session. Ms. Sabia stated that currently there is about \$3.3 million dollars available to begin the fourth round of planning, but this amount is subject to change depending on the outcome of the upcoming legislative session. She anticipates the TWDB will use formula funding, as in past rounds, to distribute the funds by regions. Additionally, she said the TWDB staff hopes to provide more services to the regions to help facilitate the planning process and offset funding shortages. Ms. Sabia added, the TWDB will be posting required notifications in March 2011, in respect to the upcoming fourth round of planning, and hopes to be in executed contracts by the fall of 2011.

Mr. Campbell commented, "There are two things which will impact funding for the next round of planning, the new census data and the current budget deficit in Texas." This prompted Mr. Schreiber to question how the Texas Congressional and Legislative redistricting will affect the planning regions. Ms. Sabia clarified the only effect upon the regions from redistricting would be changes in representation. With no further discussion, the meeting progressed to the next agenda item.

Item Six: Update from the Ground Water Management Area Representatives

Mr. Campbell asked the representatives from Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (UTGCD) if they had any information to share with the group. Mr. Bob Patterson commented on the highly publicized issues of possible contamination to groundwater due to “fracking procedures” in the Barnett Shale gas field. He went on to say the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) are continuing investigations and the UTGCD intends to continue to monitor the situation and report the facts as they are divulged.

Item Seven: Update from the Liaisons from Other Regional Water Planning Groups

Mr. Campbell stated that he is the only Liaison from the local regions present at today’s meeting and he had no updates to report to the members. He asked Ms. Sabia if she had any information to share concerning other regions activities. Ms. Sabia mentioned that Region H had completed their RFQ process and selected Freese and Nichols, Inc., as their consultants. She added that the other regions plan to meet in the next couple of weeks for the same purpose.

Judge Bell inquired about the situation with Lake Meredith’s water levels in Region A. Mr. Campbell confirmed the lake levels were down to approximately 3% and discussed some of the water management strategies that were being implemented. With no further information presented, the conversation moved to Item Eight on the Agenda.

Item Eight: Consider Acceptance of the RWPG – B Financial Statements

A copy of the Financial Statement, which covers activity through September 30, 2010, was distributed to the members for review. Mr. Campbell referred to the negative balance of (\$5,226.85) which he explained was the retainage due. He advised the group that a final reimbursement request would be submitted to the TWDB following this meeting and the retainage would be received with the final payment. He also remarked that the unused appropriated funds from Round 3 Phase 2 could not be utilized. Mr. Campbell confirmed that Mr. Dennis Wilde, with the Nortex Regional Planning Commission, had received a copy of the Financial Statement and no comments have been received to date. He then called for a motion to accept the Financial Statement as presented. Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite motioned to accept the statement and Dr. Pamela Stephens seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of **13 For and 0 Against**.

Item Nine: Public Input and Comments to the Planning Group

Mr. Campbell opened the floor to questions and comments from the attendees of today’s meeting. With no topics presented for discussion, Mr. Campbell referred to a resignation letter received from Mrs. Kincaid on behalf of Mr. Robert Kincaid. She explained that his health would no longer allow him to serve as a member of the Regional Water Planning Group. Mr. Campbell informed the group that Mr. Kincaid’s term did not expire until August 2013. He presented the option of nominating someone to fill the position at the next meeting or waiting until August 2011, when several terms will expire. He asked the members to contact him with input prior to the next meeting.


Item Ten: Consider Date and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Mr. Campbell pointed out that a date of March 24, 2011 had been established for the next meeting during the discussion of the RFQ process. He announced submissions for presentation ideas or agenda items for the next meeting should be received prior to the March 24th meeting date.

Judge Bell inquired about Senate Bill 787, allowing federal control over each state's water resources. Mr. Campbell said he was aware there are some bills being presented that may permit federal control over streams, along with some new EPA drinking water mandates. Ms. Jennifer Foster added that on a state level, the *Sunset Commission Report* on the TWDB was recommending better communication between the water planning groups and the groundwater management area (GMA) groups to ensure more efficient coordination of the desired future conditions (DFCs). As a closing statement, Mr. Campbell encouraged the group to review the *Sunset Commission Report* and their recommendations.

Item Eleven: Adjourn

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.


Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman


Dean Myers, Secretary